Friday, *the* *17th December 1943.*
2nd Dhanu 1119.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR G. T. BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. V. J. Mathai, L. M. Pylee, A. L. Antony, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, H. J. Walmesley and Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT OF THE DIWAN

61. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*) : Will Government be pleased to state the terms of the appointment of the new Diwan Sir George Boag ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*) : The terms of appointment are as follows.—

(*a*) Pay Rs. 3,000 (not free of State Income-tax).

(*b*) Free house, simply furnished at the head quarters of the State with garden maintained by the State.

(*c*) State Car.

(*d*) Period of employment—Two years.

(*e*) Pay to commence from the date of taking over.

(*f*) Travelling allowance on joining in accordance with the Madras T. A. Rules (published in Part II of the Madras Manual of Special Pay and Allowances).

(*g*) Leave and rates of Travelling Allowance according to the Madras Leave Rules, 1933 (contained in Annexure III on pages 170—177 of the Fundamental Rules published in Madras) and the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules referred to in (*f*) above.

(*h*) Free medical and surgical treatment by the Cochin Government.

(*i*) Annual recess in the Nilgiris—2 months.

STANDARD CLOTH—DISTRIBUTION OF

62. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon (*Cheruthuruthi*) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if the distribution of Standard Cloth is done in the State according to the lines or methods followed in British India ;

(*b*) has Government issued strict orders to distribute the same only among ration card holders ; if so, what is to become of people who do not possess any ration card ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Government follow the principles adopted by the Government of India with a few modifications to suit local conditions.

(*b*) Yes. Special cards for Standard Cloth are issued to those who have not taken ration cards for rice or sugar.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*) : May I know, Sir, what is the average width of the standard cloth supplied by the Government to the people ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*) : There are cloths of different varieties, some are 44, some are 37, and it comes down to 27 inches. We are not indenting for clothes of lower widths now. There is not much sale for that now. We are indenting only for the cloth of longer width.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*) : May I know whether the Government will be kind enough to see that as far as possible cloth of a greater width will be kept for sale, because that is the thing that is required here.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*) : That is what the Government are doing.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*) : Even the cloth of 47″ width is not available in the Ernakulam bazar.

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